

est, grandest nations where Christianity holds sway, and of those nations those are the noblest, best type of men therein whose lives are patterned after the life of this God-man—mediator, Saviour. His is the most powerful, ennobling, God-like life influence known to enlightened manhood. He lives to-day more truly and more effectively than in any preceding age. And he shall live, he shall conquer until we shall no longer have to say, "Know ye the Lord, for all shall know him." Young men, this may be my last opportunity of preaching to you. The day comes when we shall stand before God, you to account for how you heard to-night, I to answer for my message. Before God I tell you that if you reject Christ Jesus, your life will go out in darkness. Yours will be the bitter, unavailing wail of materialism—the wail as of a child crying in the night, and having nothing but a cry. Accept Christ, give him your heart, your life, your all; he will lift you up, ennoble you, talk to you, love you, exalt you to his side. May God keep you true keep you pure, until the day when you shall hear "the man Christ Jesus" say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Amen.

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Count Matsu, the ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, is considered by his countrymen to be the most able man in the Orient. It was he who negotiated with Li Hung Chang the treaty between Japan and China, and during the recent war there he mastered every difficult problem that came before him.

Count Matsu resigned his portfolio owing to ill health, but is still accorded the same honors in Japan. He may remain here a month or longer if his health improves, otherwise he will return to Japan. His impressions of Honolulu are extremely favorable, and the Countess is also charmed with her surroundings. When the health of Count Matsu will permit he will receive calls of foreigners, but until then his nurse forbids it, owing to the exertion necessary to carry on a conversation.

The distinguished gentleman has two grown sons, the eldest a member of the Japanese legation at Peking, and the other a wealthy mine owner.

The Count speaks excellent English, his pronunciation being unusually good. His services in the diplomatic corps of Japan in London and Washington were so well rendered that in both cities he is remembered with a marked respect by the governments there. His visit here has no political significance whatever. He believes the relations between the two governments were never more cordial than they now are, and that there is no occasion for any rumors of dissatisfaction. Japan has only good words to speak of Hawaii.

Coffee as a Disinfectant.

"A year ago a Russian bacteriologist made some experiments for the purpose of determining the influence of coffee in destroying disease germs. The conclusion was that coffee is to some degree a disinfectant. The disinfectant properties of coffee depend, however, not upon the active principle of coffee, or caffeine, which it contains, but upon the substances developed in the roasting of the coffee. It was found that the various substitutes for coffee are also germicides, and, like it, develop disinfectant properties during the roasting process. A watery infusion of either coffee or its substitutes was found to be capable of killing the germs of cholera within a few hours, and of typhoid fever in a somewhat longer time. The conclusion should not, however, be drawn from these statements that either coffee or its substitutes are to be considered of value on account of their slight antiseptic properties, as too long a time is required for the destruction of germs by them—Modern Medicine.

"ALL HANDS TO THE PUMPS."

Charles Easton was the skipper of a brigantine that sailed out of New Orleans, and in tender years I ran away from home, says a writer in an American paper, and went to sea with him. He was all sailor, and I can see him sailing now, as one day we went ashore together on a spar in the Caribbean sea to a long stretch of sand beach in one of the smallest to the Windward Islands.

Previous to this, however, the crew being in port on Sunday, went to a chapel for service. The skipper fell asleep in his pew, and while the earnest minister was preaching he slept well, until the clergyman in a high flight of exhortation struck the pulpit a great blow with his hand, and said something of "dying souls sinking to hell!"

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The Suez Canal.

The Suez canal passed in 1895, says the Journal of Commerce (New York), 3434 steamers, which is not quite ten a day. The St. Mary's canal, open last year 231 days, passed 12,495 steamers, 4790 sail vessels and 671 unregistered craft. The average number of vessels that passed through the canal on each day that it was open was over 72, and the average lockages per day was a fraction over \$3. The 16,793 vessels of every class that passed through the "Soo" canal last year had a registered net tonnage of 16,089,778, which is an average of not much less than 1000 tons, and the freight carried amounted to 14,471,648 net tons. The number of vessels that passed through the Suez canal in 1894 was only 82 less than the number in 1895, and the net tonnage was 8,039,105. The tonnage in 1895, then, very slightly exceeded one-half the tonnage of the "Soo" canal, carrying almost entirely coarse bulk freights and open less than eight months. Two and a half million tons of coal, nearly nine million barrels of flour, over forty-one million bushels of wheat and other grains, nearly eight million tons of iron ore, and three-quarters of a million thousand feet of lumber, board measure, were the larger items of freight.

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